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For: **SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH  
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS**

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**AMENDMENT**

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**August 10, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 25) dated on April 13, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.